

6. *Condemns* the racist minority régime in South Africa for its perpetuation of the inhuman system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

7. *Condemns* those transnational corporations which collaborate with the racist minority régime in southern Africa, and calls upon all transnational corporations to respect the various United Nations resolutions concerning southern Africa;

8. *Condemns* the actions of those home countries of transnational corporations designed to promote and perpetuate investments by their transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia in contravention of United Nations resolutions;

9. *Calls upon* all home countries of transnational corporations to take effective measures to terminate the collaboration of their transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in southern Africa, to prevent further new investments and reinvestments and to bring about an immediate withdrawal of all existing investments in Namibia;

10. *Calls upon* all those countries concerned to re-examine their relations with the transnational corporations operating in their territories which collaborate with the racist minority régime in southern Africa.

11. *Calls upon* all anti-*apartheid* movements, religious institutions and bodies, trade unions, universities and other institutions which are shareholders of transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to contribute to the efforts of the international community to eradicate *apartheid* by withdrawing their shareholdings in such transnational corporations;

12. *Urges* all transnational corporations to comply fully with the relevant United Nations resolutions by terminating all further investments in South Africa and Namibia and by ending their collaboration with the racist minority régime;

13. *Reaffirms* Security Council resolution 301 (1971) of 20 October 1971 calling upon all States to abstain from entering into economic relations with South Africa in respect of Namibia and declaring that rights, titles or contracts granted to individuals or corporations by South Africa after the termination of the mandate are not subject to protection or espousal by their home States against the claims of a future lawful government of Namibia;

14. *Reaffirms* that the code of conduct on transnational corporations should include effective measures against the collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in southern Africa.

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To intensify the useful work of the Secretariat in the collection and dissemination of information on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa;

(b) To make arrangements for the organization of public hearings, at an appropriate time, to be conducted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations of an *ad hoc* body, with the assistance of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia;

(c) To disseminate the text of the present resolution as widely as possible, particularly to anti-*apartheid* movements, religious institutions and bodies, trade unions, universities and other institutions and transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia, and to seek their reaction and follow-up action thereon;

(d) To report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its eighth session on the measures taken in pursuance of the present resolution;

(e) To prepare a report on the policies and practices of transnational corporations regarding their activities in South Africa and Namibia for the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its ninth session, and to include as an annex to that report a list of transnational corporations which continue to operate in strategic sectors, including military and nuclear sectors, of the southern African economy in violation of United Nations resolutions, as well as those transnational corporations which have taken measures to terminate their activities in such sectors.

43rd plenary meeting
2 November 1981

1981/87. Convening of an International Conference on Population in 1984

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Population Conference,

Recalling also Council resolution 1979/32 of 9 May 1979 on the strengthening of actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action,

Taking note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-first session,⁶ in which it recommended the convening of a new population conference,

Urging States participating in the conference to involve high-level policy-makers and experts in population and related fields,

Noting with appreciation the policies and programmes adopted by many States, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations pursuant to the provisions of the World Population Plan of Action,

Concerned at the magnitude and urgency of the tasks still remaining for the more effective implementation of the World Population Plan of Action at the national, regional and global levels,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in which the Assembly stated, *inter alia*, that the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action should be strengthened during the 1980s and that the international community should increase the level of population assistance in support thereof,

Having regard to General Assembly resolutions 35/5 of 20 October 1980 and 35/10 C of 3 November 1980,

1. *Decides* to convene in 1984, under the auspices of the United Nations, an International Conference on Population open to all States as full members and to the specialized agencies, bearing in mind that it should be conducted with the utmost economy in size, duration and other cost factors and the need to utilize extrabudgetary resources for its financing to the maximum extent possible;

2. *Decides* that the Conference shall be devoted to the discussion of selected issues of the highest priority, giving full recognition to the relationships between population and social and economic development with the aim of contributing to the process of review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and to its further implementation;

⁶ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. 1.

⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 3 (E/1981/3 and Corr.1).*

3. *Decides further* that the Conference shall work within the framework of the existing World Population Plan of Action, the principles and objectives of which continue to be fully valid;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the substantive contribution to the Conference of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system and other international organizations, as appropriate;

5. *Decides* to designate the Population Commission, meeting in open-ended session, with the participation of any other State, as the intergovernmental preparatory committee for the Conference, and for this purpose decides that rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and rule 1 (d) of the rules governing payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of members of organs or subsidiary organs of the United Nations shall be waived;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to serve as the Secretary-General of the Conference, and the Director of the Population Division of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs to serve as the Deputy Secretary-General;

7. *Recommends* that the personnel to be utilized in the preparations for the Conference should be drawn mainly from the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, which will be responsible for the co-ordination of

the substantive aspects of the preparations, including the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a significant contribution by the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to the Conference and to take full account of experience gained through technical cooperation activities in assisting in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to seek financial support from external sources for the Conference and to report thereon on a regular basis to the Economic and Social Council;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to convene a maximum of four small expert groups, or to call upon individual experts in the preparatory work for the Conference, up to a maximum of forty-five experts in all, excluding experts from the secretariats of the regional commissions, taking fully into account the need to ensure a full range of scientific disciplines and the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

11. *Requests* the Conference to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council

*45th plenary meeting
25 November 1981*

DECISIONS

1981/193. Transmittal of reports to the General Assembly for consideration

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 21 October 1981, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session:

(a) The report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its resumed second session and on its third and resumed third sessions;⁹

(b) The report of the Trade and Development Board;¹⁰

(c) The report of the Human Rights Committee on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;¹¹

(d) The report of the Council of the United Nations University.¹²

1981/194. Addition of an item to the agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 21 October 1981, the Council, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 35/172 of 15 December 1980, decided to add the item entitled "Arbitrary or summary executions" to the agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/36/37).*

¹⁰ *Ibid., Supplement No. 15 (A/36/15).*

¹¹ *Ibid., Supplement No. 40 (A/36/40).*

¹² *Ibid., Supplement No. 31 (A/36/31).*

1981/195. Nomination of members of the World Food Council

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 21 October 1981, the Council decided to nominate the following States for election by the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, to membership in the World Food Council for a three-year term:

(a) *African States* (three vacancies): Botswana, Gambia and United Republic of Tanzania;

(b) *Asian States* (three vacancies): China, India and Thailand;

(c) *Latin American States* (two vacancies): Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay;

(d) *Socialist States of Eastern Europe* (one vacancy): Yugoslavia;

(e) *Western European and other States* (three vacancies): Canada, Greece and United States of America.

1981/196. Elections to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council

At its 42nd and 44th plenary meetings, on 21 October and 2 November 1981, the Council took the following action with respect to vacancies on several of its subsidiary and related bodies: